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**Mail Stop Patent Application**

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RE: **New Non-Provisional Application**

Title: METHOD FOR PRODUCING L-AMINO ACID USING METHYLOTROPH

Inventor(s): Gunji et al.

Attorney Docket No.: US-104

Sir:

**I. Enclosures:**

I enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified patent application:

1.

a. A specification containing:

(i) 33 pages of description;

(ii) 2 pages of claims (Claims 1-6); and

(iii) 1 page of Abstract.

b. 2 sheet(s) of drawings (Figures 1-2).

2. The Basic Filing Fee of \$ 770.00 ☐ will follow ☒ is enclosed, paid by

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☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.

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SMALL ENTITY

LARGE ENTITY

For	No. Filed	No. Extra
Basic Fee		
Total Claims	9- 20 =	0
Indep. Claims	2 - 3 =	0
Multiple Dependent Claim Presented		

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	\$770.00
x \$18 =	\$0
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3. An executed Declaration and Power of Attorney ☐ is attached ☒ will follow.

4. Other: Paper copy of Sequence Listing under 1.821(c) (11 pages); CRF of Sequence Listing on CD-R under 1.821(f) (1 copy); and Statement That Paper Copy of Sequence Listing and CRF of Sequence Listing are Identical under 37 CFR §1.821(g) (1 page).

5. Two (2) return postcards.

## II. Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

A claim to priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 is made to application no. 2002-336346, filed in Japan on November 20, 2002.

## III. Filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

☒ This application is being filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Applicants respectfully await notification from the Patent and Trademark Office of the time set for filing the Declaration and Power of Attorney and/or the filing fee.

It is respectfully requested that, of the two attached post cards, one be stamped with the filing date of these documents and returned to our courier, and the other prepaid postcard be stamped with the filing date and unofficial serial number and returned as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,



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